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TITLE OF INVENTION ANTI-TNF ANTIBODIES AND METHOTREXATE IN THE TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE

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EXAMINER

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

- ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/7/00; 10/11/00; 10/18/00
- ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 5-10, 13-18, 21-37 REAMENDED 1, 2-6, 8, 9-13, 15, 16-20
- ☒ The drawings filed on 9/8/97 are acceptable. 22-26, 29-30, 31, 34, 27

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

- ☐ All ☐ Some ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Series Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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- ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- ☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
- ☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
- ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____
- ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
- ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftperson.

- ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s) _____
- ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment, filed 8/7/00 (Paper No. 24) was entered.
Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 13, 14, 18, 21, 22, 26, 27 and 31 were amended.
Claims 32-37 were added

Claims 1, 5-10, 13-18, 21-37 are pending.

Claims 2-4, 11, 12, 19 and 20 have been canceled previously

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.
3. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Helen Lee on 10/18/00.
4. Amend the first sentence of the specification by adding:
-- now abandoned, -- after "Serial No. 08/607,419, filed February 26, 1996," .
5. Amend the first sentence of the specification by adding:
-- , filed May 3, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,741,488, -- after "Serial No. 08/403,785," .
6. Amend claim 7, by replacing "of about 87-108 (SEQ ID NO: 1) or about 59-80 (SEQ ID NO: 2 of hTNF α ." with:
-- set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2. -- .
7. Amend claim 15, by replacing "of about 87-108 (SEQ ID NO: 1) or about 59-80 (SEQ ID NO: 2 of hTNF α ." with:
-- set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2. -- .
8. Amend claim 23, by replacing "of about 87-108 (SEQ ID NO: 1) or about 59-80 (SEQ ID NO: 2 of hTNF α ." with:
-- set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2. -- .
9. Amend claim 28, by replacing amino acid"s of about 87-108 and about 59-80 of hTNF α ." with:
-- residues set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2. -- .

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE


10. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

Upon reconsideration of applicant's amended claims and arguments, filed (Paper No. 24) in conjunction with the Deventer/Hommes Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, filed 10/11/00 (Paper No. 25); the pending claims appear free of the prior art. Therefore, the pending claims are deemed allowable in view of such unexpected results.

11. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phillip Gambel whose telephone number is (703) 308-3997. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (703) 308-3973. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center 1600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Technology Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Technology Center 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center telephone number is (703) 305-3014.


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